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## **Announcement of methodological changes to GP Earnings and Expenses 2011/12**

The Health and Social Care Information Centre have reviewed the methodology that will be used to create the GP Earnings and Expenses 2011/12 publication and the content of the publication. One change is being made to the methodology and two changes are being made to the content, which are detailed in this document.

There will be a methodological change to how the practice size codes are calculated. Previously the practice size codes were calculated by counting the number of GPs/ contractors for each practice there are in the dataset sent to HMRC for tracing purposes, and this attributes the GP to one practice only. This year the figures will be calculated from the census dataset which will give a more accurate representation of how many GPs/ contractors there are in each practice.

The first change to the content the 2011/12 report will be that it will include NHS England Regions as a further split in the existing “Detailed Results for Contractor, Salaried and Combined GPs” section. The addition of the NHS England Regions reflects the changes within the structure of the NHS and will not replace the Country or Strategic Health Authority data in the 2011/12 report.

The second change to the content will be the addition of quartiles and 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> deciles in *All Contractor GPs (dispensing and non-dispensing) Distribution and Median Gross Earnings, Expenses and Income Before Tax By Contract Type 2010-11 to 2011-12* and *All Salaried GPs Distribution and Median Gross Earnings, Expenses and Income Before Tax By Contract Type 2010-11 to 2011-12* to provide extra distributional analysis.

These changes have been agreed by the Technical Steering Committee, which has representation from the four UK Health Departments, NHS Employers and the British Medical Association.